

THE FATHER OF VICTORIA CITY

IS AN EXPERIENCED BOOMER FROM
OKLAHOMA CITY.

Discusses New Town Scheme With
Reporter While Passing
Through Nogales.

Thursday morning of last week there passed through Nogales, traveling from Guaymas, Sonora, to Oklahoma City, Mr. G. W. Patrick, one of the projectors of the City of Victoria, the mysterious metropolis of the State of Sonora, Mexico. Had the gentleman stopped over in the line city for the day, THE OASIS would in all probability be able to give the blue print city of the Rio Yaqui region another "boost," that might result beneficially to some of the residents of the once much boomed territory of Oklahoma, in that it might induce them to leave in the bank till "farther information," that portion of their meager savings which they are now doling out to the venders of lots in the southern Sonora desert.

Though Mr. Patrick expressed a desire to meet Mr. Bird of THE OASIS and have corrected some of the errors that have crept into print in regard to the future "Pittsburg of Mexico," his desire in that respect was not sufficiently strong to induce him to lose a day of his valuable time. Many lots may be profitably disposed of in a day, and there are many people seeking the whereabouts of the magic city.

"We have all we claim to have," said Mr. Patrick to the THE OASIS reporter who accosted him at the depot, while he was attending to the transfer of his luggage. "We own five lots down there and the town of Victoria is platted on Lot No. 22. It is not exactly on the Yaqui River, but Lot 18 is the only lot between it and the river.

"Why, we are the people who built Oklahoma City and I was the first mayor of Oklahoma. Yes, sir; we practically built that city. I can give you all kinds of references to show that I am all right and that everybody connected with the Toledo Development & Exploration Company is all right. Oh, I wish I had more time to talk to you about this matter."

"So do I," responded the reporter. "There are a number of questions that I would like to ask you in regard to Victoria. For instance, there was the statement made by Mr. W. F. Reece of Gotobe, Oklahoma, who told me it was represented to him by the people from whom he purchased a lot in Victoria, that the deed to the lot (which he had not up to that time received) could give him the right to take up 250 acres of fine farming land in the vicinity of the new town and give him the further

privilege of buying in 5,000 acres of good agricultural land in the same vicinity at 37½ cents an acre. How about it?"

"It is not so. We make no such representation and I have a letter from Mr. Reece denying that interview."

(Mr. Reece made the statement referred to, while conversing with THE OASIS reporter in the presence of others.)

"Well," questioned the reporter, "how about the million dollar smelter and the 1,500 men already employed in the mines and saw mills near Victoria?"

"That was just a mistake. We were misinformed. We thought that the work was going on there at the time. We were misinformed, that was all."

"Well, Mr. Patrick, the train is about to pull out and we haven't time to discuss the matter fully. But I have read some of your circulars describing the country about Victoria and have been told by men who have traveled through that section that there is no such country as that described in the section mentioned. Now, weren't those circulars distributed with the deliberate intention of misrepresenting the country and misleading possible purchasers?"

"No, sir; they were not. Nothing of the kind. There were some mistakes, but they were the result of misinformation. We were misinformed. There is no intention to misrepresent anything. We own the ground and have a right to sell it."

"And as you own the land and have a right to sell it, I suppose it makes no difference if the lots are not worth ten cents; if you can sell them for \$50 I suppose the purchasers have no redress. Have they?"

"No Sir. That is just what I say. We own the land and if they buy it they have no redress. We don't misrepresent anything intentionally. We own the land and we are selling it."

"And say, you know the man Johnson who first told Mr. Bird about hunting for the City of Victoria and who had a blue print of the town. Why he is now out selling lots for us. Yes, sir; he is convinced that we are all right, and—"

Just then the conductor's "all aboard" interrupted the interview, and after a handshake and mutual expressions of regret at not being able to continue the conversation, the reporter and the father of Victoria parted.

But as the reporter wended his way toward Harry's place for an early morning bite, he thought of Mr. Johnson, whom Mr. Patrick says is now selling lots for them, though unable himself to locate the "city" after he made a purchase. He also thought of a scene he witnessed in Chicago some years ago and could not help comparing the hero of it with Mr. Patrick's new representative in the lot selling business.

On State street in the windy city is a saloon, the name of which, as near as memory can now present it, is "Heineckaboobora." A well dressed visitor at the place one

MARDI GRAS FESTIVITIES

CARNIVAL IN THE LINE CITIES WILL
COMMENCE TOMORROW.

Cananea-Nogales Base Ball Game
in Afternoon and Grand
Ball at Night.

Tomorrow the Mardi Gras festivities will commence in the town across the line and as usual the people of both towns will join in the celebration. Nor will all the pleasures of the occasion be confined to the Mexican side of the line.

Tomorrow afternoon there will be a game of base ball between the Cananea team and the Diamond N team of Nogales. The clubs have met before, the Nogales aggregation losing a game to the Cananea players at Cananea last summer. Since then both teams have been materially strengthened and have had much practice. They are pretty equally matched and Dr. Noon's players realize that every man must play ball every second during the nine or more innings of the game. Of course the game will be played on the grounds on the American side and the confetti and serpentina operations will be suspended during the excitement, that residents of both towns may attend.

After the game there will be music in the plaza on the Mexican side and confetti and serpentina

day ascended a flight of stairs in one corner of the barroom to see the "Art Gallery." Returning, he had taken but three steps downward when the stairs was transformed into a very slippery and treacherous sliding board. The visitor, of course, tobogganed to the bottom and after cutting a ditch in the thick layer of saw dust on the floor, crawled out from under a table and brushed off his clothes. After challenging separately each man in the barroom to a rough-and-tumble and finding none to give him an opportunity to wreak vengeance, he left the place, muttering dire threats against everyone connected therewith. Half an hour later he returned, accompanied by a friend, also a stranger. After drinking, both men ascended the stairs to the "Art Gallery." When returning the gentleman who had "been there before" considerably allowed his friend to precede him. The friend descended about three steps then duplicated the performance executed by the first visitor half an hour before, while that gentleman, still at the head of the stairs, doubled up like a jackknife and uttered shriek after shriek of laughter, vowing it was the best thing he had ever seen.

And Mr. Johnson?

According to Mr. Patrick, he is selling lots in Victoria City.

will be scattered by children and señoritas, all dressed in their fiesta finery.

At night the grand baile at the Ramirez theater will attract all lovers of pleasure and it is expected that many who will come to town to see the ball game in the afternoon will remain over to attend the baile at night. It will not be an ordinary dance, but a typical Mardi Grass affair, with costumes, confetti and serpentina. Supper and all manner of refreshments will be served by the ladies of the Nogales, Sonora, Catholic church. The guests will have the privilege of choosing their own waitresses from among the ladies in the hall.

Responsible messengers will be in attendance to deliver messages or flowers to anyone in any part of the hall. Flowers, confetti, serpentinas, postal cards and other necessities will be sold at the hall.

The ladies in charge of the affair are:

Reception: Mrs. Elena de Paredes, assisted by Antonia Buelna, Josefina Salazar, Rosa Bustamante, Jesus Gaxiola.

Bar: Mesdames Teresa de Flores, Emilia de Levin, Ana de Piña, assisted by Misses Maria Joffroy, Gertrudis Vega, Adelaida Bachiller, Maria Boubion, Beatriz Calvo, Maria Covarrubias, Panchita Brickwood, Lupe Serrano, Mercedes Rothenhauser.

Confetti and Serpentinas: Mesdames Ana de Garay, Carlota de Gonzales, N. K. Noon, assisted by Teresa Covarrubias, Genoveva Vega, Berta Gabilondo, Dolores and Guadalupe Gil, Lijarazas sisters, Elvira Rodrigues.

Supper: Mesdames Elisa de Chenoweth, Ana G. de Isla, Teresa de Rosas, Catalina de Ramirez, Matilde de Gayou, Luisa de Mascareñas, assisted by Misses Jesus Ramirez, Gumercinda Escobosa, Angela Ortiz, Maria Gabilondo.

Flowers: Mesdames Maria de Bonillas, A. Lapport, Dolores de Bartning, assisted by Misses Lolita Bonillas, Victoria Boubion, Ana Isla, Concha Molina, Hortencia Paredes, Ambrosia Covarrubias, Ana Garay, Hortencia Estrella, Margarita Brickwood.

Postal Cards: Misses Pastora Joffroy, Enriqueta Calvo, Belen Escobosa.

Messengers: Misses Amalia Bonillas, Delfina Paredes, Ida Brown.

Ice Cream: Mesdames Erlinda de Miller, Con O'Keefe, W. Overton, Jesus de Bowman, Luisa de Fleischer, assisted by Misses Margarita Joffroy, Armida Pesqueira, Amelia Gaxiola, Lorraine Chenoweth.

Bank: Mrs. Rita de Torres, assisted by Misses Amparo Mendez, Maria Solon.

Floor managers: Misses Anita Ramirez and Alejandra Gabilondo.

Monday will be devoted to the children, who, for that day, will own the band and the plaza, as well as a carload of confetti and serpentina. While they revel the older folks will rest up for the pleasures anticipated on Tuesday when the festivities will be renewed with vigor, to end with another grand ball at the Ramirez theater Tuesday night.